

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS  
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INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 5298

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PDEV, MARR, LE, SY, PLO  
SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON

REF: BEIRUT 4029

1. ANTIOCHIAN PATRIARCH ELIAS IV TOLD ME AUGUST 18  
FOLLOWING ITEM ABOUT ASSAD'S MEETING WITH LEBANESE NATIONAL  
FRONT LAST FRIDAY. ELIAS, WHO HIMSELF CALLED ON ASSAD  
JUST AFTER PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH THE FRONT, SAID  
THAT ASSAD HAD TOLD HIM HE OPENED THE MEETING WITH  
CHAMOUN, FRANGIE AND JAMAYAL STATING BLUNTLY. "YOU ARE  
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TROUBLE IN SOUTH LEBANON AND MUST  
TAKE STEPS TO END IT." PRESIDENT THEN WENT ON TO CRITICIZE  
FRAONT'S ERROR IN COUNTERANCING CHRISTIAN-ISRAELI COOPERA-  
TION ALONG BORDER.

2. ELIAS THEN DREW MY ATTENTION TO AUGUST 17 BEIRUT  
AL-ANWAR WHICH PUBLISHED CHAMOUN STATEMENTS REPORTED  
PARA 3 REFTEL. CHAMOUN STATEMENTS IN PATRIARCH'S VIEW  
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WERE DIRECT AND POSITIVE REACTION TO ASSAD'S LECTURE  
TO FRONT. ELIAS FOUND THIS AN ENCOURAGING HINT THAT THE  
FRONT'S COOPERATION, PARTICULARLY ON CHAMOUN'S PART, WITH  
THE ISRAELIS WOULD BE SCALED DOWN.  
MURPHY

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